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MEMORANDUM FOR All 1st ID Soldiers, Family Members, and Civilians

SUBJECT: Pre-Memorial Day and Summer Safety Training

1. Last year was marked by an unusually high number of Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) accidents and fatalities. These tragic, but preventable, accidents took the lives of five valuable Big Red One soldiers and caused lifetime disabling injuries to seven others.
2. Accidents like these impact the lives of families and affect our mission readiness. As leaders, we cannot allow this trend in fatalities and disabling injuries to plague our division. We must take action now to help protect the lives of our soldiers. Our success requires active involvement and commitment to overall safety by everyone – soldiers, civilians and family members alike.
3. In an effort to enhance safety awareness and education, I direct that each commander develop and implement an aggressive accident prevention training strategy and train all soldiers prior to the Memorial Day weekend. The overall focus must be on accident prevention and leadership involvement. At a minimum, commanders will address the following topics before soldiers depart for the Memorial Day weekend:
 - **Risk Management – Leaders** - Identify high and extremely high-risk soldiers based on current and previous behavior.
 - **Typical POV Accident Profile** - Review this profile from our 1 ID Web Site with your soldiers. It addresses driver profiles from our Safety Office's recorded accidents and the trends our POV accidents have displayed over a period of five fiscal years.
 - **Responsible Driving** – Broadcast the consequences of risky behavior: drinking and driving and speeding.
 - **Vehicle Safety** – Enforce use of seat belts; child restraints; conduct vehicle safety inspections.
 - **Water Safety** - Emphasize using life preservers when boating and swimming; swimming only in authorized areas; using the buddy system.
4. The 1ID Safety web site at www.1id.army.mil/safety/home.htm is an excellent source for materials and information.
5. I expect each commander to make certain that every possible measure is taken to ensure the safety of our soldiers, family members, and civilian employees. Your individual efforts do make a difference.

DUTY FIRST!

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